

Transport

In terms of school transport, Educational Services consulted with the following:

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) acts as agent for West Dunbartonshire Council in securing mainstream school contracts. SPT were requested to consult with all relevant contractors and have informed that two bus companies have noted implications and costs. SPT are currently further renegotiating with the companies involved and Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services are also being consulted. SPT noted they did not anticipate any implications for service bus and rail contracts

Housing, Environmental and Economic Services were consulted in terms of the service Internal Transport manage on behalf of Educational Services utilising vehicles presently owned or leased by Educational Services. Currently, they noted no people implications and a small saving of approx £300. Educational Services notified Escorts currently employed on this service provided by Internal Transport and received no objections.

In terms of contracts for pupils with Additional Support Needs provided by external contractors (ie taxis), all contracts will be advertised following the normal procurement procedures in due course and will have no implications.

Argyll and Bute Council and Glasgow City Council were also consulted as both Authorities have pupils attending two secondary schools within West Dunbartonshire Council. No objections were received although both Authorities were not in a position to note any cost implications regarding school transport. Argyll and Bute Council are currently re-advertising their school contracts and proposed change of hours has been forwarded to their procurement team for noting on their portal for information purposes.

Dear Colleagues,

Educational Services are currently consulting and planning on a potential change to the structure of the school week in Secondary Schools.

From the work undertaken so far the issue of traffic congestion is raised. We are in regular communication with our corporate colleagues on this matter and have had meetings with Transport providers, both within and beyond West Dunbartonshire.

It has been suggested that one of the main causes of congestion is the issue of parent/child drop offs/pick ups at the school gate.

We will be working with you in the coming months to ascertain how this can best be managed at your school.

In the mean time, I would ask that each class teacher could spend 5 minutes on the attached questions.

Teachers are asked to count the 'hands up' to the questions on the attached form. The forms should be collated into one response from your school.

Please return to Susan Mullin by **Monday 5th November 2012**.

Thanks
Laura



Journey to School

School Name

Number of Pupils

Primary Class

Number of Pupils

**“How do you normally travel to school?”
HANDS UP!**

Walk

Park and Stride
(driven most of the
way and walk the rest)

Taxi

Cycle

Bus

Driven

Other